

Russian slot hackers focusing on new targets

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An international syndicate of Russian hackers that cashed out millions from slots in U.S. casinos over the years is focusing its efforts on South America and Europe after busts in Missouri and Singapore.

The Russian syndicate most recently struck in Peru, a security consultant to slot-makers told a group of U.S. regulators at a conference Thursday at the Luxor in Las Vegas organized by Gaming Laboratories International. *Wired* magazine first reported the story about the syndicate last month.

The existence of the Russian group, which may have been operating for as long as a decade, was first spotted in Missouri in May 2014. The FBI made its first arrests later that year. Singapore police caught syndicate members cheating in May 2016. Details about the group are still emerging, Carlson said. It may consist of between 40 and 70 individuals with a headquarters in St. Petersburg, Russia.

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